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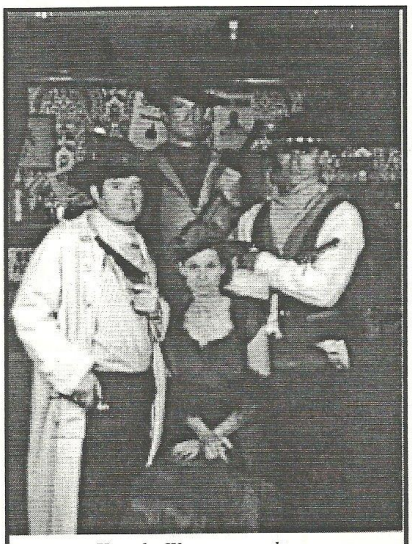
Atlanta Survives the MBA Eighth Grade Trip

by Zac Hood

The 8th grade class trip was a lot of fun. At 7:15 on the Saturday morning of May 3, we were rolling on to Atlanta in two Country Western Tour buses and one MBA van. Everyone was excited about the trip. We had gotten up pretty early for a Saturday, but we were going to Atlanta! Many people brought their CD-Players or Gameboys to keep them occupied on the trip down and back. Many others talked and watched movies.

We made good time on the trip down and stopped at one rest stop. It was like lions fighting over one little piece of meat. The vending machines were packed, and the lines were long to use the bathroom. When we arrived in Atlanta, we ate lunch at the largest drive-in restaurant in the world, The Varsity. Although the food was very unhealthy and greasy, it was great. We also enjoyed putting on the old-time hats they had.

The next stop was the CNN center owned by Ted Turner. We went in as three groups, so we had a lot of free time to walk around and shop. The tour was fun and enjoyable. We found out about what goes on in the newsrooms and the special effects they use, while also seeing the achievements of the sports figures and people in the Atlanta area. After the tour, we went to Underground Atlanta. The main attractions were the bookstore and music store. Everyone was waiting for the next event, the Atlanta Braves Game. They were playing the Pittsburgh Pirates, and everyone knew it would be a great game. Most of the students were for Atlanta, but some were for the Pirates. It was a great game, and the Pirates won 3-0 when the Braves let the game get away in the 9th inning. We left the Braves game and headed for the hotel, the Terrace Garden Inn. We arrived at the hotel at about 11:00 at night. We had to go in the back door since there was a big high school prom going on in the main entrance. It felt good to finally be in the hotel instead of rushing from place to place. Some of us walked around the hotel to get familiar with the place. We also needed to know where the ice machine was. Everyone finally got into his room and was forced to stay there at 12:15. Most were very tired and fell asleep. Some night owls that stayed up and had great pillow fights.



How the West was taught

The next morning came early. Everyone was excited though because we were going to Six Flags! Before we arrived at Six Flags, we stopped at an area that had a McDonald's, Hardees, Waffle House, and Shoney's. Everyone picked out his favorite place to eat. After breakfast, we arrived at Six Flags. The theme park was huge compared to Nashville's Opryland.

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MBA Plans to Expand Massey Building

by Stephen Smith

As you may have heard, MBA is planning a major expansion and renovation of the campus. This includes the recently completed library, a new science building, additional playing fields, as well as the renovation of the Massey Building. Since the Junior School is housed primarily in Massey, I talked with Mrs. Thurmond about the improvements/renovations that may affect us most.

Mrs. Thurmond said that the growth of the Junior School has outlived the Massey Building we have today. To correct this, MBA plans to add an additional wing to Massey toward West End. This new wing will allow most Juior School classes to meet in Massey and each teacher may have his or her own room. Also, rooms for student publications and a counselor's office will be added. There will also be more space for the students on PL to use and for students to receive extra help and work with tutors. One of the greatest improvements will be a tiered amphitheater for class meetings, and for speakers for only the Junior School. Unfortunately, most of these changes will occur after several years of fund-raising and construction.

Other changes may be more rapid, however. For example, a high speed Internet access network will be installed in every classroom so that Internet access can be brought into everyday classroom use. This addition may very well be in place by next school year. MBA is expanding its use of technology in the classroom including the use of TV's, laserdisc players, and computers.

Even though the 7th and 8th grade classes may not see these developments now, they are beginning to evolve and will be in place as soon as possible.

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FEATURES

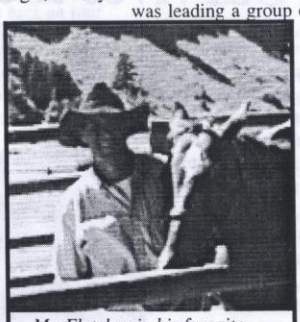
Mr. Fletcher: *A Soccer Coaching, Science Teaching, Outdoor Trailblazing Machine*

by Jamie Sperring

Mr. Fletcher is a single, 24 year old man. He was born on a horse farm in Virginia and grew up there. He attended Episcopal High School and graduated from the University of the South.

Even though he has been spotted at many ball games with a female, he claims to be just friends. Sometimes it is hard to believe Mr. Fletcher is an adult. His favorite things to wear are jeans, t-shirts, hiking boots, and baseball caps. He also loves rock music. He will listen to any kind of rock, but especially Dave Mathews band music. Mr. Fletcher's favorite kind of movies are comedies. "Life is too serious to watch movies in which people are killing each other," he says. From Mr. Fletcher's point of view, Steve Martin, Jim Carrey, and Chevy Chase (who he appears to be the long lost twin brother of), are in and Arnold Swarchennegar, Wesley Snipes, and Steven Seagal are out.Like most men, he loves to eat! He prefers steak and fish, but will eat almost anything.

When Mr. Fletcher is not eating, he is either riding horses or fishing. During the winter he worked as a cattle hand on a cattle farm. He roped cows, herded cows, and even birthed cows. For the last two summers, he lived in Montana and worked as a guide on horseback giving tours up the mountains. He remembers a frightening incident this summer when his hunting horse Banjo came through for him. Mr. Fletcher was leading a group of riders up the mountain when suddenly, Banjo broke his gallop, shifted suddenly to the right and began pawing the ground. Alarmed by such skittish behavior, Mr. Fletcher looked up to see a huge brown bear staring down at his party. Keeping his cool, Mr. Fletcher doubled back and trailblazed a mile off



Mr. Fletcher in his favorite natural environment

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Mr. Russell Returns to MBA

by Peter Callister

Emmett Russell, a new seventh grade English teacher, was born in 1969 in Nashville. Many years ago, he attended Montgomery Bell Academy as a student from seventh to twelfth grade. At MBA, he played the sports track, football, and basketball. After that, Mr. Russell went to Rhodes College in Memphis where he received his English degree. One thing that influenced his decision to become an English teacher was the time that he spent in Oxford, England studying English.

Shhh!, Mr. Russell speaks!

Mr. Russell was also the coach for the seventh grade basketball team. He says that the team has did very well and celebrated its successes with pizza parties and movies. Currently Mr. Russell is busy planning the third annual PEAKS trip. This year he and Mr. Klausner will take a group to New Mexico, Arizona including the Grand Canyon, and the surrounding areas.

At the moment, Mr. Russell is a young and single man. He had many blind dates in the first semester, but has been dating one particular girl since January. In his spare time, Mr. Russell plays with his dog, Taylor, a golden retriever. He also enjoys hiking and climbing in the mountains, biking on the Natchez Trace Parkway, and spending time with his family. He has been playing guitar for ten years and enjoys playing it whenever he can.

Mr. Russell states the best and the worst things about being a teacher at MBA. His favorite things include winter break, spring break, and summer break. "The worst thing about being an English teacher," Mr. Russell says, "is my red pen running out of ink."

Mr. Russell's favorite type of music is bluegrass, and he loves to eat Indian food. His favorite movies are all in the action category. Some of these include the movies *Heat* and *Outlaw Josey Wales*. He loves every movie in the James Bond series and all Clint Eastwood movies.

In class, Mr. Russell teaches his students English by relating it to their everyday lives. He encourages his students by giving them a strong pat on the back (literally) whenever he feels that it is needed. He has been a great addition to the MBA Junior School faculty.

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FEATURES

Mr. Brown: Tech Man or Teacher?

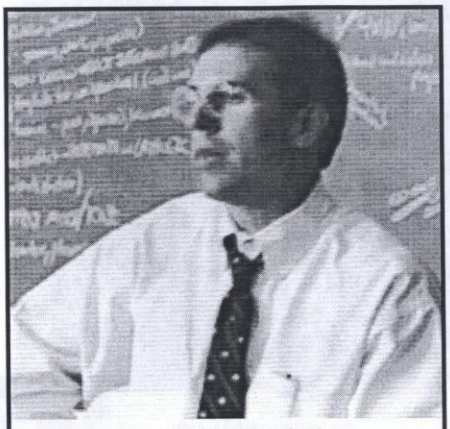
by Michael Mayo

I'm sure everyone has seen Mr.Brown around school. If you can't find him, you should definitely be able to hear his thick, robust voice. Mr.Brown is one of those guys who never misses a chance to say hello, or good morning or good afternoon or good anything.

Mr. David Page Brown was born at Vanderbilt Hospital on August 21, 1951.He was raised in Dickson county and continues to live there. He attended Dickson County public schools where he played high school football at center, noseguard, or any other position they needed.

He graduated from David Lipscomb University (Class of '73) and went on to pursue his masters degree in administration at Austin Peay. In the early spring of '84 Mr. Brown met his wife through a mutual friend at a basketball game. They decided to get married in the winter of '84. Mr. Brown and his wife have a ten year old son, Luke Evans, and an eight year old daughter, Annie Kate.

Mr. Brown taught for 23 years in Dickson County. He remembers one of the funniest experiences of his teaching career which happened on a normal day. His day had been going unusually well. All of his students seemed to be very interested in everything he had to say. The school day was almost over when he felt a light draft. He looked down and saw why his class had been so attentive and why everything he said seemed to be funny. Faulty zippers are terrible!



Who switched the laser disc?

Making the long trek from Dickson County each day, Mr. Brown is now teaching U.S. History to the 7th graders, and cultural geography to the 8th graders . When asked why he likes history/geography he simply replies "It's my passion." Coach Brown not only teaches 7th and 8th graders but he also coaches the defensive line in Varsity Football.

Mr. Brown says he loves M.B.A. and that comparing Montgomery Bell to the school in Dickson is like comparing apples to oranges. He loves the idea of the honor council/honor code because students saw cheating as permissable at Dickson High. His favorite thing about M.B.A. Is the M.B.A. philosophy of all men becoming gentlemen, scholars, and athletes.

Mr. Brown himself is a gentleman, scholar and athlete, but recently he has gained some aclaim in another area. This high tech teacher recently gave a presentation to the Board of Directors on using technology in the classroom. David Brown incorporates technology in all four of his classes. He presents all notes on the computer and regularly shows famous speeches and other historic events on laser disk. His classes are fun and always interesting. Leading the pack, Mr. Brown is making the most of new technology at MBA.

A Farewell to the Junior School

by Adam Brooks

As all of you eighth graders know, this is our last month as microbes in the junior school. Come August, we will be entering into a new realm. We will no longer be big fish in a little pond, but little fish in big lake. Although we are all glad to move on to bigger and better things and gain the title of "Freshmen", that is not to say that we have not enjoyed our junior school experiences. For example, in going to Atlanta we just took our last school trip. From now on there will be no more "field trips" or "class trips". Also we are going to be treated as adults, and will get no mercy for any childish things we do from now on.

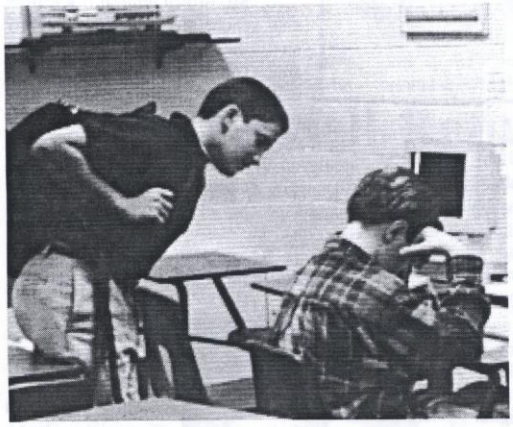
I hope all of you eighth graders are valuing these last couple of weeks of school, because before you know it we are going to be driven into the real world concerning jobs, cars, and more serious problems that we have not been faced with yet. It is going to be a drastic change from where we stand, and as I said,we are going to begin to be treated as men, not boys anymore. This change will probably have a large affect on the way we direct the rest of our lives.

We will no longer be big fish in a little pond...

The junior school experience has been fun, and we would like to thank all of the teachers, in the seventh and eighth grades, that have helped mold our minds and actions to be gentlemen, scholars, and athletes. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Morrissey and Mrs. Thurmond, who ran the whole show and did a great job keeping things in line. I wish us all the best of luck and I hope we all have a great time as we move on through life.

Random Acts of Weirdness

A "I love you, man"
B. "You got bird poop in your hair."
C. Cloning in action.



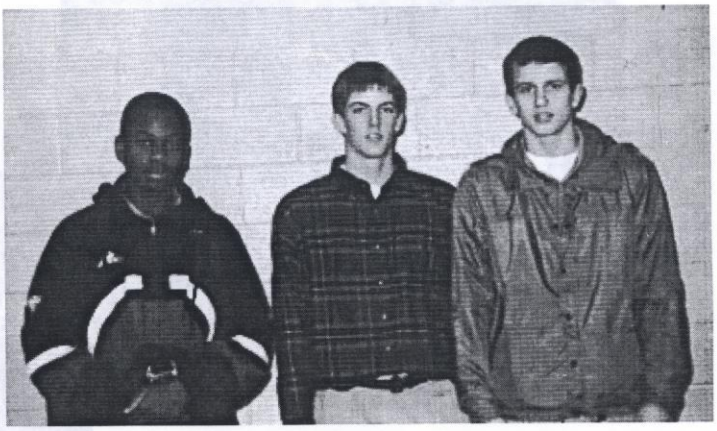
A. A fine upstanding MBA student.
B. "We the people of the United States in order to..."
C. "Y'all get in the truck, we're going up to da' big house!"

A. ZZZZZZzzzzzzzzz
B. The Red Wings won, Wahhhhhhhh!
C. I don't want to talk about it, leave me alone!

A. Nathan's real after school activity!
B. An invigorating game of chess.
C. If I beat him, he'll hurt me!

Random Acts of Weirdness

A. Eric after a good test grade.
B. Eric after he realized he's weird
C. Eric after he realized that he put his undies on backwards



A. Random Photo after a basketball game
B. Futball, Dude, Futball!
C. Mugshots

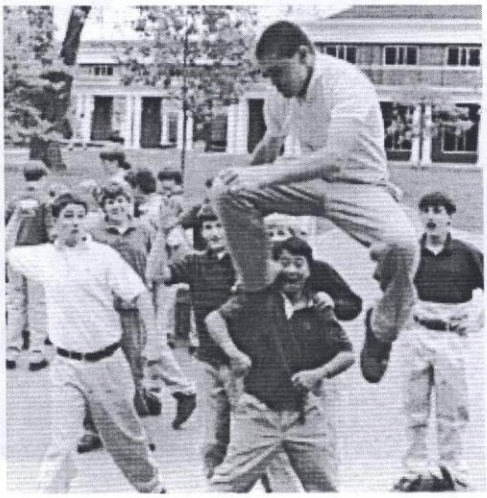
A. Run! The cops are comin'!
B. Look! A girl!
C. Another intense intramural game.

A. Hey, Its not a wig, alright!
B. You want a piece of me?
C. Uncle Aaron wants you.

Random Acts of Weirdness

A. Charlie loves his football.
B. Constipation
C. No, it's mine! You can't have it!

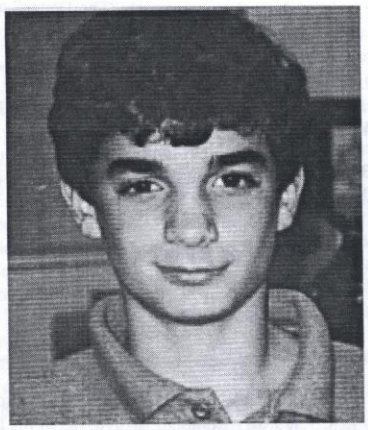
A. Justin says "I wish I'd thought of that first."
B. Mighty Tennis Microbe.
C. Bring it on, punk!



A. The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers!
B. Dalton says "Wow."
C.Justin gets excited

Random Acts of Weirdness

A. And now, sopranos.
B. Cameron makes his escape
C. Bill, sweetie, I don't like that attitude.



"Hey, baby!"

A. His parents paid $9,000 for this...?
B. Being a leader ain't as hard as it looks.
C. Future CEO.

SPORTS

Swimming: More than Just Speedos

by Jay Harbison and Adam Diehl

Believe it or not, the MBA swim team is a lot more than just guys in speedos. It also is Harpeth Hall girls in speedos. It takes a lot of hard work and practice to do well in swimming. Since there is not a separate Microbe team, the seventh and eighth graders swim for the varsity. Only eighth grade and up can score points in the meets, however, because a swimmer can only participate in a varsity sport for five years.

The Microbe members of the team are Jay Harbison, Adam Diehl, and Cooper Moore.The team had a perfect 4-0 record in the dual meet season. This was followed up by a first place finish in the Region Meet, where MBA destroyed last year's winner, Brentwood High School. Jay Harbison had a stellar performance in the 500 freestyle, placing seventh overall. He also got thirteenth in the 200 Individual Medley. Adam Diehl had a twelfth place finish in the 200 I.M., beating Jay Harbison by a narrow margin.

The team finished its great season with a third place finish in the state meet. Strong performances from Jay Harbison and Adam Diehl helped MBA to achieve this high placement. The swim team had a good year, and with these three rising stars, it will do better in the future.

Big Red Baseball

by Bill Alley and Zac Hood

Microbe baseball started out strong and finished strong. The team's first two games were victories against Murfreesboro Central and Grassland. The team also had many tough games, losing to Ensworth twice in close games. MBA rebounded with a victory over Goodpasture 5-4. In the last game of the season, Alex Blagojevich and Nathan Sensing hit home-runs to give the Big Red a victory 9-6. The seventh graders, Brandon Booth, Adam Floyd, Logan Huffman, Warner Jones, and James Pace stepped up big during the season. Key players were also Bill Alley, B.J. Billips, Blagojevich, Moses Osemwegie, and Sensing. Other players were Josh Adkins, Cal Alexander, Matthew Bills, Charlie Harris, Carter Henderson, and Stephen Smith. The Big Red compiled an overall record of 5-7.

Point... *Counterpoint*

Hockey and the Stanley Cup Playoffs: Checks the Tobacco Outta' Baseball.

by Josh Rosenblatt

Hockey is one of the greatest sports ever invented. It sure is a lot better than swimming. Only in hockey can you see vulcanized rubber flying at 90 mph straight at someone's face! Hockey is a demanding sport where every move is critical and speed determines the outcome of the game. The man who invented this sport should be praised.

The people who are the real hockey fans know what we are talking about. They watch the games, follow the reports, practice whenever they can, and know how to spell the people's names (Jay). Surgei Federov and Slava Koslov are the most talented skaters on ice. Some people, however, are either jealous of their talent, or just looking for attention. Jay Harbison is a good example. I walked into Latin, telling a story one day, about how the Wings had an amazing game last night. Surgei Federov had an amazingly strong backhand and incredibly accurate slapshot. Jay then starts to favor the Blues, the opposing team. The next night the Blues played the Wings in game three of the playoffs. The Blues cheated and scored the first goal. Next thing I know my phone was ringing. I answer it and Jay is shooting off his fat mouth about how the Red Wings are pathetic, horrible, and are a disgrace to hockey. Unfortunately for me, I had to call him back four times that night, because the Red Wings won the game 4-1.

Jay says I hit him. What really happened was I walked toward him and he tripped over himself.

I think that swimmers should be forced to swim to a desert island where all they can to is wear those colorful speedos and watch 1992 Olympics with the synchronized swimming. Hockey needs to come to Nashville and MBA needs to start a street hockey League. Many people have already shown interest, and I am always looking for more.

Hockey and the Stanley Cup Playoffs: Who Really Cares Anyway?

by Jay Harbison

Hockey is the dumbest sport ever invented. There is no point in a sport where a bunch of guys skate around and sometimes get into fights. Hockey was probably invented by some loser who was too fat to play football. He must have been pretty stupid to invent a sport as bad as hockey.

The people who are the biggest hockey fans often don't even play the sport, thus making them look like fools. I think that these guys have no lives outside Surgei Federov, Slava Koslov, and ESPN2. It would be a great thing if hockey fans were all loaded up on a ship and taken to a deserted island where they can watch "The Deuce" all day long.

Hockey is the dumbest sport ever invented.

The person who is the worst fan of all is Josh Rosenblatt, an avid fan of the Detroit Red Wings. He is so moronic that sometimes he claims to be an assistant coach to the team. I once tried to make fun of his love of the game and suffered from numerous phone calls and punches.

Hockey needs to be outlawed and all the fans need to be shot or exiled. There is no way that anyone can possibly think that trying to hit a rubber puck into a metal goal is fun or fun to watch.

SPORTS

Tennis Team Undefeated

by Will Hines

This year the microbe tennis team, led by Coach Bailey, has achieved an undefeated year long record in both HVAC play and matches outside our league. The following inter-league and away match scores demonstrate the strong performance which we put forth this year. We defeated McCallie 7-6, Brentwood Middle School 3-2, Franklin Road Academy 4-1, Grassland Middle School 5-0, Donaldson Christian Academy 5-0, Battle Ground Academy 5-0, The University School 5-0, and Woodlawn Middle 5-0. Each match consists of three singles matches and two doubles matches. Against McCallie we played nine singles and four doubles, which explains the high scoring match up. The matches are played in order of personal ranking. For example the number one seed will always play number one singles unless the rivaling team is weak. In the HVAC tournament, which is held May 7-9, the following players will compete in these listed places: Justin Eagle-number one singles, Tom Paine-number two singles, Will Hines-number three singles, Britt Groomes and Patrick Gibbs-number one doubles, and Allen Callison grouped with Rick Gotwald in number two doubles. The microbe tennis team has gained either a number one or two ranking in the HVAC tournament, due to our record in match play. This can be attributed to hard work and dedication, which we have shown this season. To add a humorous note to this story, the doubles team of Britt Groomes and Patrick Gibbs began singing together during their matches. When they were questioned why they did this, they responded that when they sing during a match it made them feel loose and relaxed, making them focus less on the stress of the game and more on the fun of the match. These antics must be working well because Britt and Patrick have dominated the field with their tennis and their tunes.

Buff tennis team members: Rick Gotwald, Justin Eagle, and Jake Nemer

Lacrosse Team Dominates

by John Humbracht

Microbe Lacrosse's regular season wrapped up at the National Invitational Lacrosse Tournament. The Junior School's #1 team, composed of mostly eighth graders, finished the season with a record of 6-0-0. The Junior School's #2 team, composed entirely of seventh graders finished its season with a record of 0-3-1.

The microbe lacrosse team was dominated by eighth grade captains Matthew McIntosh (attack/midfield), Ben Hickerson (attack), William Liles (defense), Leighton Liles (defense), and John Humbracht (goalie). Despite attackman Michael Crace's broken ankle earlier in the season during a junior varsity game vs. Father Ryan, and our second string goalie's sudden attack of Mono, we still managed to turn the '97 season into a series of routs. Also contributing to these victories was Jeff Scobey, who took over Michael Crace's spot on the starting line-up. Eighth-grade newcomer Jesse Bull managed to make his first season a good one, by making the starting midfield line. John Humbracht transferred from starting midfield to starting goalie at the beginning of the season. Matthew McIntosh led the team in scoring with an average of six goals per game. Also 7th graders Morgan Miller, Buck Elam, Allen Callison, and Zach Wall showed some skill on the field.

Lacrosse players Max Goldberg, Jesse Bull Jonathon Batchelor, and William Liles

The Junior School's #1 team, composed of mainly eighth graders, joined by Junior School's #2, started their season with a victory over USN with a final score of 15 to 2. Both teams, playing together, went on to beat USN again with a score of 9 to 3. Both teams, playing together, then beat Brentwood with a shut-out. In the National Invita-

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SPORTS

Track Team Finishes 2nd Despite Deluge

by Drew Conrad

The 1997 Microbe track team's season came to a triumphant crescendo last Friday at Brentwood Academy. With BA's flawless record, MBA faced it's most formidable foe while Ensworth, Woodland, and Brentwood Middle were left in the dust, scurrying in the trailing pack. Only having been defeated by BA, MBA had just completed a spectacular season and was prepared for a spectacular close. Armed with multiple outstanding participants from other sports, prelims and field finals were held last Wednesday. Due to a superlative 1st place finish from the illustrious Steve Ingram in the high jump, 2nd place from Reid Murphy in the 110 meter hurdles, and 3rd place from Tucker Robinson in the pole vault. Laudable performances Wednesday led to a multitude of qualifiers for the finals Friday. MBA overwhelmingly swept the 800 meter run, with Morgan Miller, Drew Conrad, and Daniel Branscome seizing the 1st three places, and the 4x800 team of Nathan Sensing, Morgan Miller, Daniel Branscome, and Drew Conrad finished 2nd . In the mile, Nathan Sensing, and Morgan Miller fought through the deluge waters to finish 2nd and 3rd. Akeem Turner completed his 400 meter race with scorching speed finishing 3rd. In the 4x400 meter relay, Nick Reid, Reid Murphy, Akeem Turner, and Ingle Martin smoked the competition. Although MBA fell short of BA's total by a measly 3 points, MBA had an exceptional season, peppered with team spirit, hard-edged direction to be the best, and fun.

Little Known Faculty Facts Matching Quiz

_____1. Mr. Tate	a. backpacked through Europe
_____2. Mr. Russell	b. played Madonna in a college skit
_____3. Mr. Brown	c. wore hair in a shoulder-length pony tail at age 11
_____4. Mrs. Seiters	d. co-wrote four songs on a Disney record album
_____5. Mr. Bowers	e. climbed Mt. Fugi
_____6. Mr. Pederson	f. earned the title of Contract Bridge Master
_____7. Mrs. Bourland	g. was a cheerleader for Father Ryan
_____8. Mrs. Thurmond	h. wore an earring in college
_____9. Mr. Jones	i. played back up on two country music albums
_____10. Mrs. Franks	j. was a chronic sleep walker and sleep runner
_____11. Mr. Wims	k. got married in a music row wedding chapel
_____12. Mr. Corzine	l. uncle taught Jackie Kennedy Onasis to ride
_____13. Mr. Speigl	m. first year at MBA, wore hair in a "flat-top"
_____14. Mrs. Steele	n. in charge of homecoming bonfire and almost burned school down
	o. grew up with seven siblings (five sisters)
_____15. Mr. Poston	p. rodeo queen on a gaited horse
_____16. Mr. Simpson	q. senior class president
_____17. Mr. Roberts	r. plays bass guitar
_____18. Mrs. Christeson	s. in graduate school, went one calendar year without a haircut
_____19. Dr. Barrow	t. accomplished pianist
_____20. Mrs. Morrissey	u. cleaned the chalkboard everyday in 5th Grade
_____21. Mr. Fletcher	

Mr. Gaither coaches Cliffton Hancock on his shot put form

Lacrosse (cont'd)

tional Lacrosse Tournament, the Junior School's #1 team beat rival, McCallie, 11 to nothing. Next, they beat MUS, 15 to nothing, and on Sunday, joined by Junior School's #2, they beat a team from Birmingham, 8 to 3. With their outstanding record, the junior school lacrosse team earned a place in the state tournament vs. USN on May 10th at MBA.

se EDITORIALS

Atlanta (cont'd)

There were many great rides at Six Flags. One of them was the disappointing Batman Ride. Others were the Mindbender, Ninja, Viper, The Great American Scream Machine, Thunder River, and Free Fall. Free Fall was a ride where they raised the metal seats high in the air, and then dropped them straight down ten stories.

There were also many games that were so impossible, we had to try them. Many people found themselves spending a lot of money to get no prizes in return. The highlight of the visit to Six Flags for some people was seeing the NBA Basketball player, Stephon Marbury. We followed him around for a while and could not believe who it was.

We were very tired after Six Flags, but still hungry, so we stopped at a place called Bertucci's Brick Oven Baked Pizza. The managers were stunned at the size of our group. We had to wait a while to get our salad and bread, and even longer for pizza, but once we got it, it was great. After the long day we all went to sleep as soon as we returned to the hotel.

The next morning, after a great pancake, sausage, eggs, and bacon breakfast, we headed to the Coke Museum. There we saw the history of coke, looked at past advertisements, and even got to sample different flavors. They had many flavors from all over the world, but the best flavors were right here in the United States. After the Coke Museum, we headed to the famous Lenox Square. Of all the great stores the highlights were the music and electronic stores. After eating in the food court, it was time to say goodbye to Atlanta and head back to Nashville. On the way home, everyone tried to sleep. We made one stop in Manchester at Stuckey's and then went straight to MBA. It was a long way back, but everyone liked the feeling of being back in Nashville.

Assembly: Senior Fun House or Monday Morning Yawn?

Could someone please tell me exactly *when* assembly turned into one big inside joke for the High School, or, more specifically, the Seniors? I mean, it seems every morning now we are put to sleep by some Ping-Pong game, or worse yet, a fashion show. Here we are, half-asleep, packed into the meat locker known as the Paschall Theatre (or is it theater?), watching some horrible description of a touch football game between the Varsity Golf Team and the Varsity Debate Team, which seems to be hilarious to the High School, but oddly unfunny to us. Maybe it is just me, but watching some 100 pound Junior modeling a tank top is more sad than funny. I hear all this laughter coming from the first floor of the theater, but on the upper seats, pure and simple silence. I feel like some five year old laughing at *Pulp Fiction* humor. I honestly don't think that the teachers get what is going on, behind all those fake smiles and courtesy laughs. Even the Spring Break T-shirt was rumored to have some kind of obscene humor in it. Of course, we have no idea what it is, but I'm sure if we were a fly on the wall in a Senior class during break, we would hear the whole thing. Sure, the Seniors have gone through up to six years of MBA, but really, was it that bad, guys? I mean, what is that dadgummed hissing noise? Seriously, every time someone goes down there with athletic or debate results, do we have to hear this: "Whoooooooooooooo hisssssssssssssssss!!!" How is that funny? I wonder what other animal noises they find funny? So, in final address to the high school: Guys, sure, we are 'crobes, and that makes us far inferior to you (insert sarcastic smile here), but please, stop these dumb jokes, or at least, let us in on them!

Fletcher (cont'd)

the path to bring the group to safety. Impressed by Banjo's quick response, Mr. Fletcher says, "You can't always trust people, but you can trust a good horse."

Back home, here in Nashville, many people wonder what is up with the goofy bow ties he is always wearing. Well, here is the answer. When Mr. Fletcher was just a little Fletcher, he was always spilling food on the normal ties that his mother bought him. She finally got fed up and refused to buy him any more normal ties. Instead, she bought him bow ties and ever since, he has been wearing them.

Mr. Fletcher says that he has always known that he would be a teacher. He says, "They are always helpful,' and he's always been interested in Science so the two just seemed to fit.

Top Ten Things We Did In Atlanta.

10. Some wise guy bought $45 worth of lighters, Hmmmmmm?

9. Bought some posters (Brandon), and Playboy mouse pads (ANDY!)

8. Meet Paco, the sombrero wearing, pizza eating Mexican guy, with a braves helmet. A.K.A. Phillip Simpson.

7. Lots of Coke!

6. Waited an hour for pizza that was brick oven baked, wow.

5. Three hours in line to ride BATMAN.

4. The beating of, Leighton, the tall skinny tool at the back of the bus. (Well, that's what Jeff & Matthew said)

3. That hot blonde chick at the Braves game.

2. Stuckeys, (For all y'all red neck fans oh yea!)

1. Hooters!

You Guys Went to HOOTERS!?

Responses to "Girls At MBA"

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Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that MBA's being an all male school is driving some people insane. I have been able to resist the temptation of having girls at this school for some time, but I have almost gone off the deep end. It is evident that some students have become delirious over the absence of female students. I ask that you seriously consider the co-eding of this school, which will hopefully inspire both teachers and students to do great things in their time at MBA.

Sincerely yours,
A girl-crazed student

Josh Rosenblatt: First of all, I would like to thank all of you who wrote in responses to this article. I was so happy when I learned that I was the one who got the pleasure of being able to read, edit, sanitize, shorten, and deal with the school's whining about girls. It makes me so happy when everyone nags about their problems and gives stupid solutions to fix them. It made me realize how much I loved this assignment when people cussed openly in their responses, and I got in trouble for it. So once again, I would like to say thank you. And now the responses:

Dear Editor,

I have a proposed solution to the all male dilemma here at MBA. My solution is that we come up with an exchange policy with Harpeth Hall. We could trade half the grade of guys for half the girls. Perhaps we could have drawings and/or sign-ups for these places. Harpeth Hall could do likewise.

Sincerely Yours,
A Problem Solver

Josh's Response: Not a bad idea. However, what if you were chosen to go over there? I mean, The campus isn't that attractive. What about sports? I don't think the football team would do too well.

Dear Editor,

Bring them on. That's what this school needs. We have to get rid of the preppy look and get some chicks.

A Girl Crazed Guy

Josh's Response: First of all, the only "chicks" you ever see are the ones back on your farm. Secondly, you are the reason girls aren't at this school. If we had girls, teachers would have to pick up your drool-drenched tests with tweezers.

Dear Editor,

No way, man! Girls were the downfall of the last school I went to! Very Sincerely,
No way, Jose

Josh's Response: Well, now we know your opinion.

Hi psycho! I suggest you get an after school activity since there isn't a chance in heck that MBA will become coed in the near future. The reason this will not happen soon is the teachers call it a "distraction." I have accepted this bad part of MBA, but like most students here ,I would not mind being distracted more. You also have to consider that if we go through these six rigorous years here we can get some college chicks, and because of MBA we might have more spare time in college to date them. Also when we are working, since we went to MBA, we have greater advancement chances than the average bear and can get awesome girls. For the record the Harpeth Hall girls look good, but can you marry one? In most states NO. I suggest you wait and put up with MBA.

No way, man! Girls were the downfall of the last school I went to.

Josh's response: Seek Help!!! You know that "Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete" thing the teachers keep referring to? Don't you think that you ought to look into that? Because from the sounds of things, you are not exactly a girl magnet. But thanks for your response.

Girls are the pond scum of this planet and the root of all evil. Girls are only here so guys can have male babies. I'm glad things are the way they are. Keep 'em that way!

Very anonymous

Josh's Response: Well, it looks like someone's girlfriend dumped him for her best friend, eh? There, there, I feel bad for you. But I have a feeling NO ONE ELSE DOES!!

I, of all people, would certainly love tosee girls at school every day, but in my opinion the lack of girls at this school is for the best. The attention and focus level without girls is much higher because no one is trying to impress girls or just plain drool on papers because of those cute little plaid skirts. Now, the idea of a co-ed school sounds very tempting and/or refreshing, but surely it would probably lower a lot of grades, including my own. The social aspect of a coed school is the thing that most people long for. I guess that the increased hormonal surges of "A girl Crazed Student" and many others will have to wait until the weekend for co-ed fun and groovy boy/girl social activities.

Adam Brooks

Josh's Response: Wow, someone had the guts to put their name on it. And it made sense,too, unlike the submissions of"No way, Jose" and "Very Anonymous." Thank you.

I really really want there to be girls at MBA. It would be great for all the guys who are thinking about leaving to go to a school with girls. I don't understand why guys don't want to look at girls in tight plaid skirts. I think that it would be good for both them (those of the feminine gender) and us if MBA went coed.

Yours
A tight skirt Tiger

Josh's Response: TIGHT SKIRT TIGER!? You don't deserve a response. NEXT!